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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6559

BILL NUMBER: HB 1138

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 10, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: County election boards.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown C

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides the following beginning January 1, 2004: (1) That an appointed member of a county election board or a board of elections and registration may not be a member of a candidate's committee. (2) That the circuit court clerk may not be a member of a candidate's committee other than the clerk's own candidate's committee.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under the bill, if a member of a county election board must step down for membership on a candidate committee, the county might have reduced compensation expenditures during the time period between the current member's departure and the new member's appointment.

In most counties, the county chairman of each major political party nominates members and the circuit court clerk appoints nominees to the board. In Lake and Tippecanoe Counties, members, except the circuit court clerk, are appointed by their respective county chairman. In Lake County, each member of the county election board is paid a salary of not less than \$10,000 out of the county general fund. The Tippecanoe County Board of Elections and Registration are given a budget from which to pay board member's expenses. The remaining counties' fiscal bodies determine the compensation of the members of their respective county election boards.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards, Lake County Board of Elections and Registration,

Tippecanoe County Board of Elections and Registration, Circuit court clerks.

Information Sources:

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